**Probe into the Affairs of J. K. Industries and Gupta Tyre Traders**

1428. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a probe was ordered into the affairs of J. K. Industries and Gupta Tyre Traders in May, 1988;

(b) if so, what were the charges;

(c) whether the probe was conducted; if so, by whom;

(d) what are the findings; and

(e) what action has been taken against the companies?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) On the basis of applications filed by the Director General of Investigation & Registration, the MRTP Commission has instituted two enquiries against M/s. J. K. Industries Ltd., Calcutta and M/s. Gupta Tyre Traders, Karnal, for passing off second quality tyres at the price of first quality tyres without informing the consumer about the standard of tyres sold and for manipulating the price of tyres in such a manner as to impose unjustified costs on the consumers. The enquiry proceedings are in progress before the Commission. The Commission is empowered to take further appropriate action in such cases as per the provisions of the M.R.T.P. Act, 1969 relating to restrictive/unfair trade practices.

**Utilisation of Consultancy Service of Coal Mining Research Station by Coal Companies**

1429. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public sector coal companies take services from CMRS (Coal Mining Research Station);

(b) if so, what are the disciplines;

(c) what are the sponsored and consultancy problems, discipline-wise;

(d) what was the amount spent for conducting investigations during the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) what positive benefit the industry could gain out of such consultancy service?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The coal companies take services from Central Mining Research Station mainly in the disciplines of rock mechanics and mining methods, mine environment and mine engineering.

(c) The details of disciplines are shown in the statement enclosed. (See below).

(d) The funds received by CMRS from external agencies including the coal companies during the last three years are as follows:-

| | (Rs. in lakhs) |
|---|---|
| 1985-86 | 187.26 |
| 1986-87 | 132.43 |
| 1987-88 | 152.38 |

(e) The benefits gained by coal industry from services of CMRS include increased productivity with safety and economy, mechanisation and modernisation of mining.

**Statement**

ROCK MECHANICS AND MINING METHODS

1. Surface subsidence in Mining Areas.
2. Field trial of wide stall method of Mining.
3. Evaluation of new mechanised system.
4. Correlation of surface subsidence with deformation parameters in underground and intervening strata.

5. Workability Indices of Coal seams.

6. Development and Field Trial of a cost effective appropriate method (Knife edge method) for extraction of thin seam.

7. Design of supports for mine roadways.

8. Investigation into thermal behaviour of some commercial explosives and their influence on rock blasting.

9. Investigation into the influence of blasting pattern and geotechnical properties of the surrounding rock mass on ground vibration, fragmentation and fly rocks.

MINE ENVIRONMENT

10. Development of Sealants.

11. Studies in Heat and Humidity in Coal Mines.

12. Assessment of status and control of underground coal mine fires.

13. Control of Pollution due to Toxic Gases Produced during operation with Explosives in underground Coal Mines.

14. Specific gas emission study for prediction of methane emission.

15. Investigation into the levels of pollution in water bodies in an around water resources project (at DVC area).

MINE ENGINEERING

16. Development of Sensors and Micro Processor based Switching System for Intrinsically safe Power Supply for Underground use.

**Supply of Under Weighed LPG Cylinders by Shivanika Enterprises, Delhi**

1430. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the gas cylinders supplied to the consumers by Shivanika Enterprises, Vivek Vihar, Delhi are under weighed;

(b) whether one of the reasons for the above is that delivery-men engaged by the agency first supply the LPG cylinders to the hotels/restaurants and afterwards the same cylinders are supplied to the consumers; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken/proposed to be taken against the agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir;

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

**Expansion of Haldia Refinery**

1431. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan for the expansion of the capacity of Haldia Refinery;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Expansion of Haldia Refinery is not considered feasible since it would cost as much as a grass root refinery. Further, other demand supply considerations also are not favourable for this expansion.

**Discovery of Hydrocarbons in West Bengal**

1432. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state what steps have so